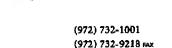
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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicant respectfully submits this Preliminary Amendment and remarks as set forth below: